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# City Update

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by the Citizen Service Office.  
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Tuesday, one week before payday.

### Pouring a bridge

On Tuesday, July 10th, crews from Lunda Contruction began pouring the bridge from Levee Road to Raspberry Island. The entire bridge will be cast in concrete. A bridge of this type is a first for Saint Paul Public Works. The City's bridge engineer in charge is Eriks Ludins. The bridge will have five spans, and will be 18 to 42 inches thick. Only half of the bridge was poured on the 10th. The 'falsework' support for the bridge was designed to carry about half of the weight of the wet concrete it would take to complete the bridge. When the concrete is dry the week of July 16th, the rest of it will be poured. For more information, see the City's special construction web site at [www.ci.stpaul.mn.us/construction](http://www.ci.stpaul.mn.us/construction).



## City Employee picnic is Thursday, August 2nd



games, especially for the children.

There will be a prize drawing at 7:30. You can only win if you're there when your name is drawn.

The 2001 employee picnic will be held on Thursday, August 2nd, at the Como Park East Pavilion from 4:30 to 9:00 p.m.

As always, food will be free. Hot dogs and other treats will be served from 5:00 to 7:00. The will also be

Music will be by the popular group, Daly Planet.

All picnic activities are staffed by volunteers, and help is still needed. If you'd like to help, or would like more information, please call Theresa Sullivan at 651-266-8812.

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*Places to go. Things to do.*

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## Minnesota Business Academy — the hottest ticket in town

If your son or daughter is in high school and looking for a new learning experience, Minnesota Business Academy may be the hottest ticket in town. This month students who take a tour of the school, accompanied by a parent, are eligible to win a pair of tickets to one of two summer concerts at the Target Center, in Minneapolis: The BackStreet Boys with Shaggy on July 24th, or MTV's Destiny's Child concert series on July 30th.

The school is open for tours every Tuesday from noon to 6:00 p.m.. As an added treat, KDWB 101.3 FM radio morning show host Dave Ryan will be at the school on Tuesday, July 17th, from noon to 2:00 p.m. He'll have KDWB giveaways and tickets to cool Twin Cities events.

Interested students and parents may also call for a special appointment to tour the school. The deadline to enter in the concert ticket drawing is July 19th. Winners will be notified the following day. Minnesota Business Academy, located in Downtown Saint Paul, is tuition-free and open to grades 9–12. Whether your child is college-bound, thinking about a technical career, or planning to start a business, the Academy is the place to start.

Led by former Lieutenant Governor Joanne Benson, the school meets all Minnesota state graduation requirements and provides students with mentors, internships, and an opportunity to network with community and business leaders. There's also an opportunity to participate in a CISCO-certified computer network training program.

For more information, check out the school on the internet at [www.mnbusinessacademy.org](http://www.mnbusinessacademy.org) or call 651-726-2100.

## Just a Spoonful of Medicine

This is the fourth in a series of articles about HealthPartners Research Foundation studies. This article discusses inaccuracies of administering liquid medication.

Nearly 25 years ago, the American Academy of Pediatrics reported on the inaccuracies of administering liquid medication by household spoons. The volume of household teaspoons can range from 2 to 10 ml. Moreover, the same spoon, when used by different people, may deliver from 3 to 7 ml of medication. In response to this problem, a variety of liquid medication dosing devices have been developed, each of which has advantages and disadvantages. A HealthPartners study examined which devices are commonly used by families, how accurately people measure liquids with the devices, and their ability to correctly interpret dosing instructions.

Volunteers from the waiting areas of three clinics participated in the study. The study found that the household teaspoon is the most frequently used device for measuring liquid medications. Women and

more educated respondents were more likely to measure the liquids accurately and to interpret dosing instructions correctly. Common errors include misinterpreting instructions about how long to wait between doses and confusing teaspoon and tablespoon measurements on a medicine cup.

The study concluded that health care providers need to be aware that many people continue to use inaccurate devices, such as household spoons, to measure liquid medication. Doctors should advise patients to use more accurate devices,

particularly an oral dosing syringe. Providers need to consider the possibility of a medication dosing error when a treatment fails to work as expected.

Research team: Diane J. Madlon-Kay, MD; Frederick S. Mosch, MD.

Funding: The American Academy of Family Physicians Foundation, The Minnesota Academy of Family Physicians Foundation.

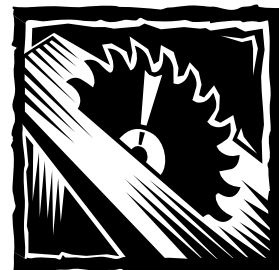
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## City, St. Paul Companies, and Lawson Software to thank Habitat for Humanity volunteers

June 30th was the last work date for the Habitat Project home on 729 Edgerton. City employees once again joined with employees from St. Paul Companies and, employees from Lawson Software, to build the house. "PED volunteers... had a great experience. Thanks for giving us the opportunity," said Sue Hurley, group leader for PED.

On Thursday, July 19th, Mayor Coleman will join officials from St. Paul Companies and Lawson Software to thank the volunteers who worked on the house. There will be a volunteer appreciation reception at St. Paul Companies.





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## **Yes, there's room for your story in the next City Update**

There was room for two or three more stories in this issue, and there will be in the next. So don't be shy.

Send your next press release, executive summary, blurb, notice, or flyer

to City Update, the bi-weekly newsletter for City of Saint Paul employees, at [city.update@ci.stpaul.mn.us](mailto:city.update@ci.stpaul.mn.us), or call 651-266-8700.

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## 95 Charlie Brown statues are out and around town; 101 out next week

In a few days, you'll be able to see nearly all the Charlie Brown statues there are to see. The City's Marketing and Promotions Office says 95 have been installed in public spaces throughout Saint Paul (OK, one's at the Mall of America), and six more will be installed in a matter of days. That makes 101 ready for Charlie Brown devotees to photograph and catalogue.



The 102nd statue, "Surprise Charlie" will be unveiled in late September, when it is auctioned.

One of the 101, "Lucky Chuck," is on display in City Hall while the artist is still creating it. See photo at right.

Occasionally you may encounter a statue that may be missing because it needs repair. Right now, "Yearbook

Charlie," sponsored by Josten's, is undergoing is having its hundreds of tiny yearbook photos reattached. They had started peeling off. Other statues may be in the shop for repair. They aren't indestructible, and enthusiastic fans have broken off attachments here and there, but by and large, the Charlies are in good shape.

## Where to see "Saint Paul's Man About Town"

Charlie Brown may be the grand marshal in your local parade or just visiting in your neighborhood from the back of his shiny Chevy Silverado. This schedule is tentative. For updates, see [www.ilovesaintpaul.com](http://www.ilovesaintpaul.com) or call Shane Anderson or Chrissy Brekke at 651-266-8539. Call them if you would like to schedule Charlie at your event.

Sun, 7/22	1-5 p.m.	Harriet Island
Sun, 7/29	1-5 p.m.	Harriet Island
Thu, 8/2	4:30 p.m.	Como Park, City picnic
Sun, 8/5	1-5 p.m.	Harriet Island
Thu, 8/9	5-8 p.m.	KS95 concert, Rice Park
Sat, 8/11	1-5 p.m.	Mays Park Pig Roast
Sun, 8/12	1-5 p.m.	Harriet Island
Sun, 8/19	1-5 p.m.	Harriet Island
Sun, 8/26	1-5 p.m.	Harriet Island
Tue, 8/28	11:30 a.m.	Downtown Gopher fest
Sun, 9/2	1-5 p.m.	Harriet Island



When she has time away from her day job, artist Lela Scott is busy sticking little mosaic chips on her Charlie Brown Around Town creation, called "Lucky Chuck." This statue will be raffled off, and someone could win it for as little as a dollar. Raffle tickets for Lucky Chuck are available every Wednesday at the Doghouse Information Booth at 5th and Wabasha, and at various community events around the city. Tickets are only a dollar apiece, or six for five dollars. Last year, Snoopy statues auctioned for about \$10,000 each. Can you resist the chance at a deal like that?

Volunteers are still needed at the Doghouse Information Booth. You'll give out information and maps to visitors. To volunteer, call Sandra Wicklund at 651-266-8502



## City job openings as of July 13th, 2001

Application deadline	Job title	Bi-weekly or hourly salary rate	Exam date
Open	Clerical Assistant BOE (part-time)	\$9.00 per hr	See Job Ann
Open	Emergency Comm Ctr Telecommunicator	\$1375.98	See Job Ann
Open	IS Information/Technical Analyst I	\$1201.32	See Job Ann
Open	IS Systems Support Specialist I	\$1085.87	See Job Ann
Open	Parks Worker II	\$12.00 per hr	See Job Ann
07/16/01	Public Information Specialist II (Prom Only)	\$1553.32	See Job Ann
07/13/01	Recreation Leader (permanent/part-time)	\$8.81 per hr	See Job Ann
07/27/01	Water Quality Specialist II	\$1553.32	08/02/01
07/16/01	Zoning Aide	\$1234.06	See Job Ann

\*\* This is a walk-in-examination. Do not submit a job application before the test.

Note: Call or visit the Office of Human Resources to receive the official job announcement for these positions. Location: 400 City Hall Annex. Phone: 651-266-6500 (TTY/TDD 651-266-6501) or visit the web site: [www.ci.stpaul.mn.us/jobopenings](http://www.ci.stpaul.mn.us/jobopenings). For jobs announced after July 6th, please call our 24-hour job line, 651-266-6502.